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MEMORANDUM TO SMBRC GOVERNING BOARD REGARDING ANNUAL GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR ELECTION

December 6, 2019

The existing Memorandum of Understanding of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission stipulates that the members of the Governing Board (GB) shall elect a Chairperson from among the board members, who will preside over all Commission board meetings and work closely with the staff of the Commission to convene Board meetings and prepare Board agendas and reports. The Chairperson serves one-year terms and there is no term limit for the Chairperson position.

The last annual election for GB Chairperson was held at the December 13, 2018 GB meeting. A special election for GB Chairperson was held at the October 24, 2019 GB meeting to fill the vacancy created by departure of the current Chairperson for the remainder term of the position until annual Chairperson election takes place. To ensure continuity of GB chairmanship, the annual election of the GB Chairperson is scheduled for the December 12, 2019 GB meeting. The Nomination period for Chairperson opened on Friday, November 22 and will close on Tuesday, December 10th. Nominations should be sent to Guangyu Wang at Guangyu.wang@waterboards.ca.gov.

Self-nominations are permitted and floor nominations on the day of the GB meeting will also be allowed. At the GB meeting when election takes place, if more than one GB member nominated for Chairperson, those nominated will be given a few minutes to state their interest in the position. Thereafter, an election will take place via roll call. The newly-elected Chairperson will assume his/her position immediately after the election, and conduct authorized activities after that time.

